

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate and House agreed to the Conference Report to accompany S. 1438, Department of Defense Authorization Act.

Senate agreed to the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 2883, Intelligence Authorization Act.

The House passed H.J. Res. 76, making further continuing appropriations through December 21.

The House agreed to the Conference Report on H.R. 1, No Child Left Behind Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1815–1828, S. Res. 191, and S. Con. Res. 93. **Pages S13145–46**

Measures Reported:

S. 990, to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to improve the provisions relating to wildlife conservation and restoration programs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 107–123)

S. 1632, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to extend the deadline for submission of State recommendations of local governments to receive assistance of predisaster hazard mitigation and to authorize the President to provide additional repair assistance to individuals and households. (S. Rept. No. 107–124)

H.R. 861, to make technical amendments to section 10 of title 9, United States Code.

H.R. 1840, to extend eligibility for refugee status of unmarried sons and daughters of certain Vietnamese refugees.

H.R. 1892, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the acceptance of an affidavit of support from another eligible sponsor if the original sponsor has died and the Attorney General has determined for humanitarian reasons that the

original sponsor's classification petition should not be revoked, with an amendment.

H.R. 2048, to require a report on the operations of the State Justice Institute.

H.R. 2277, to provide for work authorization for nonimmigrant spouses of treaty traders and treaty investors.

H.R. 2278, to provide for work authorization for nonimmigrant spouses of intracompany transferees, and to reduce the period of time during which certain intracompany transferees have to be continuously employed before applying for admission to the United States.

S.J. Res. 8, designating 2002 as the "Year of the Rose".

S.J. Res. 13, conferring honorary citizenship of the United States on Paul Yves Roch Gilbert du Motier, also known as the Marquis de Lafayette.

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Measures Passed:

Enrollment Correction: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 288, to provide for a technical correction in the enrollment of S. 1438, Department of Defense Authorization. **Page S13113**

Commending Afghan Interim Administration: Senate agreed to S. Res. 191, to express the sense of the Senate to commend the inclusion of women in

the Afghan Interim Administration and commending those who met at the historic Afghan Women's Summit for Democracy in Brussels.

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Women's Participation in Afghanistan: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 86, expressing the sense of Congress that women from all ethnic groups in Afghanistan should participate in the economic and political reconstruction of Afghanistan.

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Promoting Safe and Stable Families Amendments: Senate passed H.R. 2873, to extend and amend the program entitled Promoting Safe and Stable Families under title IV–B, subpart 2 of the Social Security Act, and to provide new authority to support programs for mentoring children of incarcerated parents; to amend the Foster Care Independent Living program under title IV–E of that Act to provide for educational and training vouchers for youths aging out of foster care, clearing the measure for the President.

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Indian Trust Lands: Committee on Indian Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 483, regarding the use of the trust land and resources of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President.

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Honoring the National Guard: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 93, to recognize and honor the National Guard on the occasion of the 365th anniversary of its historic beginning with the founding of the militia of the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

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Federal Farm Bill: Senate continued consideration of S. 1731, to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers, to enhance resource conservation and rural development, to provide for farm credit, agricultural research, nutrition, and related programs, to ensure consumers abundant food and fiber, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By 64 yeas to 31 nays, and 1 responding present (Vote No. 366), Feingold/Grassley/Harkin Amendment No. 2522 (to Amendment No. 2471), to reform certain mandatory arbitration clauses.

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By 51 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 367), Johnson Amendment No. 2534 (to Amendment No. 2471),

to make it unlawful for a packer to own, feed, or control livestock intended for slaughter.

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Wyden/Brownback Amendment No. 2546 (to Amendment No. 2471), to provide for forest carbon sequestration and carbon trading by farmer-owned cooperatives.

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Rejected:

Bond Amendment No. 2513 (to Amendment No. 2471), to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to review Federal agency actions affecting agricultural producers. (By 54 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 365), Senate tabled the Amendment)

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Withdrawn:

McCain/Gramm/Kerry Amendment No. 2598 (to the text of the bill proposed to be stricken), to provide for the market name for catfish.

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Pending:

Daschle (for Harkin) Amendment No. 2471, in the nature of a substitute.

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Smith (NH) Amendment No. 2596 (to Amendment No. 2471), to provide for Presidential certification that the government of Cuba is not involved in the support for acts of international terrorism as a condition precedent to agricultural trade with Cuba.

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Torricelli Amendment No. 2597 (to Amendment No. 2596), to provide for Presidential certification that all convicted felons who are living as fugitives in Cuba have been returned to the United States prior to the amendments relating to agricultural trade with Cuba becoming effective.

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Daschle motion to reconsider the vote (Vote 368) by which the motion to close further debate on Daschle (for Harkin) Amendment No. 2471 (listed above) failed.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following actions:

By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 368), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to the motion to close further debate on Daschle (for Harkin) Amendment No. 2471 (listed above).

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the filing of second degree amendments to Daschle (for Harkin) Amendment No. 2471 (listed above), until 11 a.m., on Friday, December 14, 2001.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Friday, December 14, 2001, that the pending Smith (NH) and Torricelli amendments (listed above) be laid aside, and that Senators Wellstone and McCain be recognized to offer certain amendments. **Page S13139**

Department of Defense Authorization Act Conference Report: By 96 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 369), Senate agreed to the conference report on S. 1438, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2002 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military constructions, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, clearing the measure for the President.

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Intelligence Authorization Act Conference Report: By unanimous consent, Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2883, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2002 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, clearing the measure for the President.

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21st Century Montgomery GI Bill Enhancement Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 1291, to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of educational benefits for veterans under the Montgomery GI Bill, clearing the measure for the President.

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Education Reform Conference Report—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for consideration of the conference report on H.R. 1, to close the achievement gap with accountability, flexibility, and choice, so that no child is left behind, at 1 p.m., on Monday, December 17, 2001, and on Tuesday, December 18, 2001, with a vote on adoption of the conference report to occur on Tuesday at 11 a.m.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. EX. 370), Frederick J. Martone, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

William P. Johnson, of New Mexico, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico.

Clay D. Land, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

John Magaw, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Security for a term of five years. (New Position)

Robert B. Holland III, of Texas, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank For Reconstruction and Development for a term of two years.

Andrea G. Barthwell, of Illinois, to be Deputy Director for Demand Reduction, Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Nehemiah Flowers, of Mississippi, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Mississippi for the term of four years.

Arthur Jeffrey Hedden, of Tennessee, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Tennessee, for the term of four years.

David Glenn Jolley, of Tennessee, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Tennessee for the term of four years.

Dennis Cluff Merrill, of Oregon, to be United States Marshal for the District of Oregon for the term of four years.

Michael Wade Roach, of Oklahoma, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Oklahoma for the term of four years.

Eric Eugene Robertson, of Washington, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Washington for the term of four years. **Page S13099**

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Authority for Committees to Meet:
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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—370)

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Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:08 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, December 14, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the

remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13243.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic concluded open and closed hearings to examine the security of United States nuclear weapons and nuclear weapons facilities, focusing on effective intelligence gathering, system vulnerability assessments, and responsive improvement programs and communication, after receiving testimony from Maj. Gen. Franklin J. Blaisdell, USAF, Director, Nuclear Operations and Counterproliferation Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Air and Space Operations; Brig. Gen. Ronald Haeckel, USAF, Acting Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration; Rear Adm. Dennis M. Dwyer, USN, Director, Strategic Systems Programs Office; and Linton Wells II, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine housing and community development needs in America, focusing on providing a mortgage cut rate for National Guardsmen and Reservists called to active duty, relief on FHA insured mortgages for the victims families of the September 11, 2001 attacks, and for New York City's economic recovery, after receiving testimony from Mel Martinez, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST TERRORISM

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Central Asia and South Caucasus concluded hearings to examine contributions of central Asian nations to the campaign against terrorism, including basing facilities for U.S. and allied forces, over-flight rights, intelligence sharing, and use of airports for military and humanitarian activities in Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from Elizabeth A. Jones, Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs; and S. Frederick Starr, Johns Hopkins University Nitze School of Advanced International Studies Central Asia and Caucasus Institute, and Fiona Hill, Brookings Institution, both of Washington, D.C.

RAILROAD SAFETY

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the security status of U.S. passenger and transit rail infrastructure, focusing on counter-terrorism equipment, security related training programs, and technologies capable of detecting chemical and biological agents on transit systems, after receiving testimony from Jennifer L. Dorn, Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation; Ernest R. Fraizer, Sr., National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak); Dorothy W. Dugger, San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District, San Francisco, California; Jeffrey A. Warsh, New Jersey Transit Corporation, Newark; Richard A. White, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, Washington, D.C.; and Trixie Johnson, San Jose State University Mineta Transportation Institute, San Jose, California.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

H.R. 1892, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the acceptance of an affidavit of support from another eligible sponsor if the original sponsor has died and the Attorney General has determined for humanitarian reasons that the original sponsor's classification petition should not be revoked, with an amendment;

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